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पंचायत विभाग / DEPARTMENT OF PANCHAYATS

कवरत्ति / KAVARATTI – 682555

F.No.9/4/2022-DOP(PE)

Dated: 30.12.2022

NOTIFICATION

Whereas the Lakshadweep Panchayat Regulations, 2022 has been promulgated and published by Gazette Notification dated 19.09.2022 by the Ministry of Law and Justice, Government of India and the same has been republished in the Extra Ordinary Gazette of Lakshadweep on 21.09.2022 as per the legal requirements. The new Regulations came into effect from 26.09.2022. Consequently, Lakshadweep Panchayat (Election Procedure) Rules, 2022 and Lakshadweep Election of Upa-Sarpanch of a Gram Panchayat and President and Vice President of District Panchayat Rules, 2022 etc, is notified in the Lakshadweep Gazette dated 17.11.2022 and;

Whereas, the Administration has also taken a policy initiative for creation of new Gram Panchayats which necessitated delimitation of constituencies in wards as well as divisions of the District. Since the exercise of delimitation is to be done by the Election Commission, the same was forwarded for their approval and the Election Commission has issued a notification dated 30.11.2022 inviting suggestions and objections on the delimitation proposal and the same notification got published in the Lakshadweep Gazette on 01.12.2022 and the process of delimitation is underway, and;

Whereas, as per the legal requirement, the election to the Panchayats under the Union Territory has to be completed before 18.12.2022. Since the proposal of delimitation has been published in the Gazette dated 01.12.2022 inviting objections, the process of election could not be completed before 18.12.2022. The election could only be conducted after finalizing the delimitation by the Election Commission. There is a chain of actions commencing from promulgation of 2022 Panchayat

Regulations creating a situation wherein conduct of election within the time of frame became an impossibility. The unforeseeable circumstances prevented the administration from carrying out the fresh election before 18.12.2022, and;

Whereas Sub clause (3) and (4) of Section 63 of the Lakshadweep Panchayat Regulations, 2022 read as follows:

“(3) Where in respect of a Panchayat which is to be reconstituted on account of the expiry of its duration, the Administrator is satisfied that, it is not possible to hold elections before the expiry of duration for reconstituting the Panchayat, on account of any natural calamity, riots, communal disturbances, force-majeure, then, notwithstanding anything contained in this Regulation or Rules made thereunder, the Administrator may by notification, make a declaration to that effect.

(4) On the issue of the notification under sub-section (3), all the powers and duties of the Panchayat shall be exercised and performed for the period, during which the notification remains in force by such officer as the Administrator may by order in writing specify”.

Therefore, the competent authority under the Lakshadweep Panchayat Regulation, 2022 hereby invoke section 63 (3 &4) and declare that the General Election to Panchayats has been delayed due to force-majeure and the following officers are appointed as Special Officers to look after all the matters relating to the respective Panchayats in the islands and District Panchayat as mentioned against.

Sl. No.	Island	Officer appointed as Special Officer
1	Agatti	Special Secretary (Finance Planning & Statistics Excises and Taxation)
2	Amini	Deputy Collector, Amini
3	Andrott	Deputy Collector, Andrott
4	Bitra & Chetlat	Special Secretary (Services), UT of Lakshadweep
5	Kadmat	Director, Department of Social Welfare, UT of Lakshadweep.
6	Kalpeni	Director, Department of Education, UT of Lakshadweep.
7	Kavaratti	Deputy Collector, Kavaratti
8	Kiltan	Deputy Collector, Kiltan
9	Minicoy	Deputy Collector, Minicoy
10.	District Panchayats, UT of Lakshadweep	Shri. Arjun Mohan, IAS

By Order and in the name of
Administrator of
U.T. of Lakshadweep

Sd/-

Director of Panchayats